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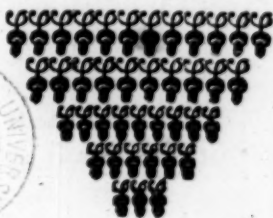
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*Deare Brother,*

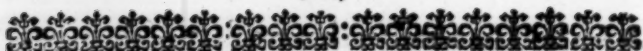
**I** Hope my former Letters are come safe to your hands, I have been these 16. dayes from *Dublin*. Three thousand Forces, horse and foot, went fourtie miles into the Countrey towards *Kilkenny*, to relieve some Towns and strong Castles, kept by the *English*; (God be praised we had good successe, In all our undertakings;) we effected all things according to our desires: we burned the Rebels Towns, and put all to the sword all the way We marcht, and gave them a greater defeat then hath been known these many yeers, since *King'sale* Camp, there hath not been known the like multitude of Rebels in Armes, near a Town called *Athye* (where our Army lay) the Rebels kept their *Randevous*, we saw their strength the day before, and counted their Colours, which was between fiftie and threescore, as We plainly

saw; we could not judge them to be lesse then  
 8000. men; the next morning we began our  
 March homewards, with a full resolution to  
 fight with them if they came neare us; we had  
 not marcht a mile but we perceived them on the  
 right hand of us a mile and halfe distant, coming  
 very fast towards us, which made our Souldiers  
 taken with much joy, hoping to encounter  
 them, and do execution on them, (I never saw  
 better resolution in men in all my life) we marcht  
 five miles before we could come at them, for  
 there was a great Bog between us, they marcht  
 on our right Flank up even with us all the time:  
 when we made a stand, then they likewise did so  
 too; and in the place where we charged them,  
 they also drew themselves into a full Bodie on  
 the top of a Hill, we being in the bottome, (a  
 great disadvantage to us) howsoever we powred  
 valleys of shot among them with our ordnance,  
 and small shot likewise: they stood us till we  
 came almost within Carbines shot, and then  
 they face about, and fell into disorder, running  
 away as fast as they could; but we pursued them,  
 and our Horse did great execution on them, but  
 were too nimble for the foot, we followed a  
 mile to a great Bogge, where they got for their  
defence.

defence. The number that we slew of them, was at least six hundred : Amongst which was foure of their chief Commanders , whose heads we brought along with us, and placed them on the gates of *Dublin*: Six of their Colours likewise we took, and very much of their Carriages, we understand that they were the absolute strength of seven Counties in this part of the Kingdom, and did as confidently assure themselves of cutting us all off, as of meeting with us; in so much (they being so many more then us) as they divided our baggage long before we fought with them, and were resolved to shew no mercy to us; But it pleased God to blesse and strengthen us with such hearts and courage, that we made them flie before us, like dust before the wind. I pray God to continue our hopefull proceedings; shortly we expect to go to *Kelkenny*, where the Rebels are exceeding strong; so with my true love unto you remembred, I rest,

*Your very loving Brother,*

*D. B.*



Dublin, *April 21.*

S I R,

**I** Do acknowledge my self engaged to you for your care of my businesse which I understand by your letter, and will studie whereby to requite it: We have great store of provision for the present, but I doubt a famine will suddenly follow, by the reason of the spoil that is made of Corn and Cattell: for where ere we come, we kill and burn all before us, because we would not have it relieve our enemies, and they do the like by us. We have received no pay since we came into this Kingdom, but the more behind; We will trust the *Parliament*. We were three thousand foot, and foure hundred horse, and five field Pieces, commanded into the Countie of *Wicklow*, and *Kildare*, the second of *April* to relieve some *English* that were besieged by the Rebels, and very little resistance was made: for they ran away still before us. And thus we marched three weeks about the Countrey, and relieved what places we were sent to relieve. We were coming back to *Dublin*, but my Lord

*Mount*

Montgarret, one of the chiefe of the Rebels, thought to cut us all off before we came to *Dublin*. On *Friday* in the morning last past, they shewed themselves, and marched by us twelve thousand till two of the clock. In the afternoon before the battell began, they had divided our Wagons, and our clothes, and appointed whose prisoner every man of any qualitie should be, and the rest should be killed, and hanged: they brought a Cartfull of ~~Hakets~~ *Hakets* for that purpose, so confident they were of victorie. After we had been at prayers, Sir *Charles Coote* ordered our small Army, and towards them we marched, and all the way our Ordnance played upon ~~them, and then the Musketeers~~ came up within shot, and gave so good fire, and came on so fast upon them, that those *Irish* Commanders durst not stay till we came to push of pike, but away they ran; then had we the killing of them till 5. a clock at night: And instead of their dividing our Wagons, we now divide theirs. We killed neere a thousand men, besides the prisoners we took they were hanged. My Lord *Montgarrets* sonne was killed in the battell, and his head brought to *Dublin*. There was not a man killed

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of ours, and not above eight hurt. I received a  
small hurt, but it is almost well already. I desire  
you send this Letter to my father when you have  
read it.

Tho. Wylde.



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